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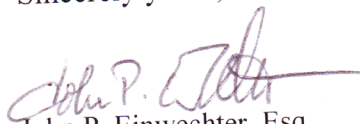
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to 22 U.S.C. § 614(a), please find attached two (2) copies of two (2) documents that were disseminated on July 9, 2008, within the District of Columbia, by Greenberg Traurig on behalf of the Kurdistan Regional Government.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate contacting me.

Sincerely yours,


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Why Congress Needs a Kurdish American Caucus

The Kurdish American Caucus would promote knowledge and understanding of the Kurds, a distinct group around the world. U.S. policy toward the Kurds is important to American relations with key allies in Turkey and Iraq as well as relations with Iran and Syria. The Kurdistan Region of Iraq is vital to an American vision of a peaceful and prosperous Iraq. While the Caucus would concern itself with Kurdish populations throughout the world, especially in the U.S., the key focus is the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, which is playing a pivotal role in the future of that nation.

Members of Congress should join the Kurdish American Caucus for three distinct reasons:

1. Kurdistan is a beacon of stability, security and prosperity in Iraq and the entire Middle East. We must ensure that U.S. policy reinforces the hard-earned success of Iraq's Kurds.

- The Kurdistan Region is a model for the rest of Iraq.
- Since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), not a single U.S. soldier or civilian contractor has been killed or kidnapped in the areas administered by the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG).
- Kurds practice a moderate form of Islam that shuns extremism.
- The Kurdistan Region is a model of reconstruction success - more than 65% of the villages razed by Saddam have been rebuilt; a new liberal foreign investment law passed in 2006 allows foreign land ownership, tax incentives and easy repatriation of profits; there are five vibrant universities operating in the region today, including the American University of Iraq, based in Suleimaniyah.
- The KRG is a functioning democracy committed to establishing a federal, unified democratic system in Iraq.
- The KRG has fostered a climate of moderation and minority rights. In Iraqi Kurdistan, Kurds, Arabs, Assyrians, Turkomen, Yazidis, Muslim and Christian are living side-by-side in harmony and tolerance.
- Christians and Arabs are taking refuge in the KRG.

2. Kurdistan is a vital ally in protecting U.S. national interests in Iraq and the region as a whole.

- The KRG has played, and can continue to play, a constructive role in reducing tensions with Turkey. Iraqi Kurdistan can be a buffer against international conflict.
- There are 30 million Kurds in the region (5 million in Iraq), which is the largest ethnic group in the world without a state. The U.S. must ensure that Iraqi Kurdistan becomes a force for peace.

- A moderate, democratic and stable pro-American ally on the border between Iran, Iraq, Turkey, and Syria offers both diplomatic opportunities and deterrent effects to regional conflict.
- Natural resources in the Kurdistan Region make it an attractive emerging market for American business.
- Kurdish Forces are a cohesive, effective and respected combat force. They were America's most valuable indigenous ally during OIF.

3. The people of Iraqi Kurdistan love the United States. They embrace America as liberators and are committed to a strong alliance with the U.S.

- About 55,000 Kurds live in the U.S. today.
- In a Middle East region torn by conflict and rampant anti-American sentiment, Iraqi Kurdistan is a haven of friendship for the U.S.
- Kurds are open to U.S. investment, ideas, security cooperation and diplomatic partnership.
- America should be known as a Nation that stands by her friends.
- A Congressional Kurdish American Caucus will help solidarity and influence for this friend and vital ally.

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Answering Possible Objections to the Kurdish American Caucus

1. Objection: The Kurdish American Caucus (KAC) suggests Congressional support for Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) independence from Iraq at a time when the U.S. is trying to promote national unity and reduce tensions among Iraqi ethnic and sectarian groups.

Response: First, this is **not** an Iraqi Kurdish or KRG caucus. It is a **Kurdish American** caucus that seeks to promote understanding of Kurdish culture, history and issues important to the Kurdish community in the U.S. and elsewhere. Second, the caucus emphasizes the Kurdish commitment to a unified, Federal and democratic Iraq and the full participation of Kurds in the Iraqi government as stipulated in the Iraqi constitution. Third, the KRG is officially committed to a unified, Federal and democratic Iraq and has no ambition to become a separate state.

2. Objection: The caucus suggests Congressional support for an independent Kurdistan, which would incite tensions with our NATO ally, Turkey, as well as Syria and Iran, just as the U.S. is seeking to advance better relations between Turkey and the KRG.

Response: The caucus in absolutely no way advocates a greater Kurdistan. Indeed, the caucus by-laws do not endorse separatism at all. On the contrary, the by-laws call for respect for human rights for Kurdish minorities within recognized nations in which they live and explicitly express the Kurdish commitment to a unified, Federal Iraq. In fact, the caucus can be a vehicle for promoting the integration of Kurdish minorities where they live and encouraging this minority group to embrace the commitment to national unity as the KRG has done in Iraq.

3. Objection: The Kurdish caucus is unprecedented because it is based on ethnic identity rather than national identity.

Response: The House of Representative already has a Hellenic Caucus and an Asian Pacific American Caucus, which have ethnic and transnational purposes. The Kurdish American Caucus will pay special recognition to American Kurds in the U.S., their contributions both to this country and in Iraq, their friendship with the U.S. and the necessity to promote their rights as an ethnic minority in America.

4. Objection: The Kurdish caucus would, in effect, give unprecedented recognition and status to a regional sub-national government. This is a bad precedent that could embroil the U.S. Congress internal disputes between governments and groups.

Response: This is not a KRG caucus. It is an American caucus with a goal of assisting Kurds in the U.S. and in the Diaspora, not the policies of any government.

5. Objection: The Kurdish caucus is not justified based on the relatively small number of ethnic Kurds in the United States.

Response: The Kurdish population in America has not been fully documented. The estimated 50,000 Kurds who have made the U.S. their home deserve to be heard and given the respect they deserve. They are also representative of a people that numbers 30 million worldwide, which have suffered simply because of the language they speak and the culture they hold dear. This caucus will provide them a voice in the U.S. and will allow them the chance to live the American dream.

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